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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please add new claims 83 and 84.

Please amend claims 53-58, 60-71, 75 and 79-82 as follows:

1. **(Original)** A method of identifying a multifunctional oligomeric compound to modulate expression of RNA comprising:
 - (a) contacting a target RNA with one or more double-stranded oligomeric compounds hybridizable to one or more target regions of said RNA and identifying double-stranded oligomeric compounds which inhibit target RNA levels by at least 50%;
 - (b) contacting the target RNA with an antisense strand of said modulating double-stranded oligomeric compound and determining whether the antisense strand inhibits target RNA levels by at least 50%; and
 - (c) identifying said inhibiting antisense strand and said inhibiting double-stranded oligomeric compound as multifunctional oligomeric compounds.
2. **(Original)** A multifunctional oligomeric compound identified according to claim 1.
3. **(Original)** A method of claim 1 wherein the multifunctional oligomeric compound inhibits target RNA levels by at least 80%.
4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the target region is identified by a single-stranded oligomeric gene walk across the target RNA.
5. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the target region is identified by secondary structure analysis of the target RNA.

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